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Miss Tena Bishop, New Member of National 4-H Staff

Miss Tena Bishop, newly appointed national leader of 4-H programs in home economics and health, brings wide and varied experience to her position on the 4-H staff in the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Starting as a 4-H member, she progressed to volunteer local club leader - and directed three clubs while teaching high school home economics in Ayer, Massachusetts. Successively later in Massachusetts, she was County 4-H Club leader and Assistant State 4-H Club leader. Now she comes to the Federal Extension Service in Washington, D. C. with valuable knowledge of 4-H clubs from every angle.

During the past 22 years, Miss Bishop served in a variety of capacities as a member of the Massachusetts State 4-H Club staff. She worked in all fields of organization and subject matter, coordinating 4-H programs in home economics - including foods and nutrition, clothing, home improvement, and child care.

In addition, she frequently served on national committees and handled responsible assignments in regional and Federal Extension work. She was a member of the 4-H Subcommittee of the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy of the Land Grant Colleges Association, has been chairman of the National 4-H Health Committee, which set up the present health program now operating with only a few changes in the original plan; and was co-editor and author of a comprehensive manual entitled "4-H Home Improvement," a guide for 4-H leaders which now circulates extensively and is considered the best publication of its kind on the subject.

During 1946, she spent six months on loan to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, assisting the national 4-H staff on special programs.

A native of Newfoundland but a United States citizen, Miss Bishop calls Massachusetts her home state. She is a graduate of Framingham State Teachers College, in the "Bay" State, and holds a master of arts degree from Columbia University.

"I know of no one who has done a better job in 4-H," said James W. Dayton, State Director of Extension for Massachusetts, in commenting on her leaving. "This is verified by several national honors and recognition she has received. Among these are a special award from Epsilon Sigma Phi, honorary Extension fraternity; and a 4-H leadership pin from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

In her new position, Miss Bishop will help direct national 4-H home economics activities in 4-H Club and YMW program development. Much of her time will be spent in the field, assisting State staffs who request her services for 4-H program consultation.

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